

REMARKS

Claims 12-50 are pending herein.

I. The drawings have been respectfully amended.

Applicants respectfully note that the reference numeral of the network I/F in printer 102 in present Figure 1 has been changed from 112 to 122. No new matter is added by the amendment. Support for the amendment is found on page 33, lines 8-10 of the present specification. Thus, it is respectfully asserted that the drawing objections have been overcome.

II. The specification has been respectfully amended.

Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for his suggestions, which have been implemented. Thus, it is respectfully asserted that the specification objections have been overcome.

III. The anticipation rejections based on Morita (US 6,934,042).

The USPTO respectfully rejects claims 1-6, 8 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Morita. Applicants respectfully note that claims 1-6, 8, and 11 have been cancelled. Applicants also respectfully note that the Morita reference is addressed below regarding the new claims 41-50.

IV. The obviousness rejections based on Morita (US 6,934,042) in view of Yamada (US 2001/0055125).

The USPTO respectfully rejects claims 7, 9, and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morita in view of Yamada. Applicants respectfully note that claims 7, 9 and 10 have been cancelled. Applicants also note that the Morita reference is addressed below regarding the new claims. Applicants also respectfully note that the Yamada reference is addressed below regarding the new claims 41-50.

V. The new claims.

Applicants respectfully note that new claims 41-50 have been added. No new matter is added by these new claims. Support for the new claims can be found through the specification and Figures, and particularly in present Figures 1 and 4, and on pages 30-35 of the present specification. Claims 41, 44, and 48 are independent claims.

A. The cited references do not teach or suggest the specifically claimed first storage for storing an HTTP server program and an HTTP client program, as claimed in claims 41, 44, and 48.

Claim 41 claims in relevant part:

“a first storage for storing **an HTTP server program and an HTTP client program.**” (emphasis added)

Claims 44 and 48 claim similar limitations. Regarding these limitations, it is respectfully not seen where the cited references teach or suggest the claimed structure quoted above.

Specifically, the USPTO respectfully alleges on page 4 of the Office Action that Morita teaches storage 411. However, it is respectfully important to note that storage 411 of Morita does not store an HTTP server program or an HTTP client program, as claimed in claim 41, 44, and 48. Additionally, it is respectfully important to note that Morita does not teach or suggest anything at all about HTTP server programs or client programs.

Additionally, Yamada does not overcome this deficiency in Morita. It is respectfully noted that Yamada also does not teach or suggest anything about HTTP server programs or client programs. Thus, because the cited references do not teach or suggest anything about these HTTP programs, it respectfully follows that the cited references cannot teach or suggest a first storage for storing an HTTP server program and HTTP client program, as claimed in claims 41, 44, and 48.

In contrast, present Figure 1 illustrates one possible embodiment of the claimed structure quoted above. Specifically, present Figure 1 shows a first printer 101 that contains a ROM 113. As noted on page 31 of the present specification, ROM 113 contains an HTTP server program 113A and an HTTP client program 113B. Thus, ROM 113 is one possible

embodiment of the specifically claimed first storage storing an HTTP server program and an HTTP client program, as claimed in claims 41, 44, and 48.

Thus, it is respectfully asserted that the cited references do not teach or suggest all of the claimed limitations of claims 41, 44, and 48. Therefore, it is respectfully asserted that claims 41, 44, and 48 are not obvious over the cited references and are therefore allowable.

B. Further explanation.

Applicants respectfully note the following further explanation regarding the cited references.

Applicants respectfully note that Morita allegedly teaches an image processing apparatus connectable to a network. The Morita apparatus allegedly comprises a function management table and performs an image processing based on image data transferred from another apparatus by using an application program of a digital copying machine.

However, Morita does not teach or suggest a configuration in which a parameter is transferred and determined in between the plurality of image forming apparatuses. Thus, Morita does not teach or suggest the specifically claimed controller of claims 41 and 44, or the limitations of the final paragraph of claim 48.

Additionally, Applicants respectfully note that Yamada allegedly teaches a system in which information of an image forming apparatus is sent to a relaying server 31, and the information can be monitored via a browser from a host computer. However, Yamada does not teach or suggest a configuration in which a parameter is transferred and determined in between a plurality of image forming apparatuses. Thus, Yamada does not teach or suggest the specifically claimed controller of claims 41 and 44, or the limitations of the final paragraph of claim 48.

C. The dependent claims.

As noted above, it is respectfully asserted that independent claims 41, 44, and 48 are allowable, and therefore it is further respectfully asserted that dependent claims 42-43, 45-47, and 49-50 are also allowable.

III. Conclusion.

Reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims is respectfully requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Please contact the undersigned for any reason. Applicants seek to cooperate with the Examiner including via telephone if convenient for the Examiner.

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